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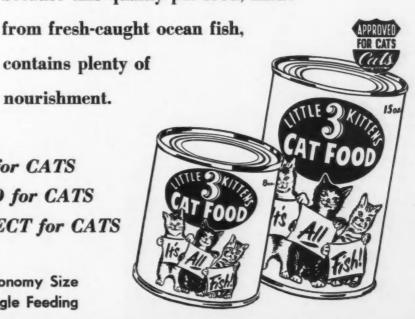
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TUTORING BY "CATS"

Dear Editors:

You will probably never find a person who could so feel that the first paragraph of your renewal letter was aimed directly at them as do I. My brand new baby daughter will be two weeks old tomorrow and we have four little feline children who are feeling very neglected right now.

However, I'm never too busy to enjoy every issue of CATS from cover to cover and my only criticism is that there just isn't enough of it. Please pass on my expression of appreciation to Blanche Wolfram for her very wonderful articles. She really knows her subject well and we should all be grateful to her.

Incidentally, I want to thank your magazine for its great help in converting my husband into a cat fancier. We have been married a little less than a year and at the time of our marriage his attitude was definitely antagonistic toward any and all cats. Now thanks to the combined efforts of "our" four little charmers, me, and CATS Magazine he is a reformed character. No small share of the credit belongs to you because it was through your magazine that he gained much of his knowledge and understanding of cats.

Hazel S. Keller

204 Siesta Road El Paso, Texas

KINDNESS THWARTS DREAM

Dear Editors:

We love CATS Magazine—the beautiful pictures and the poems. I am, too, so glad to see articles like the one on the wonderful work done by people who find homes for strays.

I am not a breeder, never have had the Persian I have longed for because I have always had to take in the strays begging for a home. Yet, often they have developed into beautiful creatures. I have five of them now.

Please publish an article on old age in cats and signs of it. Teeth, enlargement of eye pupil, etc. And thanks for helping to defeat any movement to destroy helpless loving little animals.

Anna T. Harding

19 West Second St. Frederick, Maryland



Celebrating National Cat Week in Virginia

THE LAST LAUGH?

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a picture of our 13-year-old Jiggs eyeing our gray and white canary, Caruso. Caruso is not really in any danger as Jiggs has only three legs. His back left leg was amputated as it was cancerous about six years ago. He gets around beautifully except that he cannot leap. So, Caruso is safe.

Jiggs gazes and drools and dreams of other days when a cat could really get around. We named him Jiggs for he was such a comical kitten—a regular character.

We are animal lovers and our "family" consists of a Collie, two "Siameses," Caruso, a semi-Persian kitten and Jiggs.

Mrs. J. G. Hedges

1706 North Alamo San Antonio 2, Texas



COMPLAINTS, TOO!

Dear Editors:

No, no—don't wad up CATS! My crumpled December issue was delivered today; folding is bad enough, but being mailed in such a fashion caused the magazine to look as if it had traveled by pack rat rather than modern conveniences!

National Cat Week was rather quietly observed in Charlottesville this year, but was an improvement of 1954, which is encouraging. Mrs. George Poudrier made three attractive posters which were placed in windows throughout the town. Daily announcements were made on a local radio station.

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COVER

What kind of a Valentine's Day for this blue little Blue Shorthair? But the lady of his heart must have changed her mind after this picture was taken. Surely she couldn't have resisted this expression any more than we could? LaMoine R. Fantozzi out in Venice, California, is the proud photographer and owner of Junior.

The four cats shown with the poster live with us and are a positive delight. Little Little is four, the Siamese are two, and Rue will celebrate his second birthday in March.

I am actively interested in a newly organized Animal Shelter here in Albemarle County. I would appreciate CATS readers sending me suggestions on: organization, management and how even to begin to educate the populace on proper cat care!

Sharlott B. Erhart, Jr.

Belmont Farm Cottage

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A FELINE AFFAIR

By Dorcas Anne Redman

I hate shows! Antiseptic-smelling cages, strange faces, rough hands-the whole business is absolutely unnerving, as I was saying to Bruce the Collie just the other day. He says dog shows are as bad.

The first I heard about the impending ordeal was when Pat was brushing me and Joe came in, grinning like he'd caught

a beefsteak.

Well, Honey, I'll be judging at the show.

"Oh darn it," said Pat.

"What's wrong?"

"Why do you want to be a judge? No matter what you do you'll be criticized." "But that's what I've been working for."

"But what'll everyone say when you give points to Little Eva? (That's me.) They all know we're engaged."

"She won't get points unless she de-

serves them."

The big boob-not that I gave a mouse whether I got a silly ribbon, but a girl has her pride, hasn't she?

Pat shrugged. "Of course she's the best. And all she needs is two points to com-

plete her championship.'

"If she's the best White she'll get the points. Longhair, Shorthair, no hair—I don't care what breed of cat or who owns it, I'll judge each cat according to the necessary standards, regardless of its owner."

I never heard of a no-haired cat, but my best friend is a Shorthair, and really quite nice although she doesn't know who her father is.

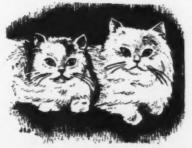
Pat put me down then and kissed Joe. Humans act so ridiculous.

"Don't try bribery, Honey."
"Okay," said Pat, "but don't you come to me for sympathy, or an aspirin, Judge Stockwell."

The next weeks were a positive horror. Pat brushed me vigorously, and polluted my food with vile-tasting vitamins, and then, by a Grand Champ's whiskers, if she didn't subject me to a bath. Oh, the thought of it-that terrible wetness. What we show cats have to go through shouldn't happen to a terrier.

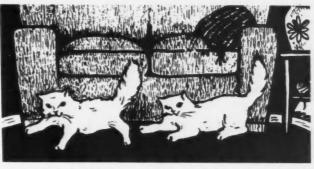
At last, the show!

On one side of me was a snobby Blue Cream hardly worth discussing. But on



(Although based on uni-versal truths, this story is fiction and does not portray actual events.)

> Drawings by John Duffy



his hand.

the other side was HE. Such white fur and long whiskers, and oh, those golden

"Hellow, Beautiful," he purred.

Right then I felt higher than the time I was stuck on the roof of the house next

A miserable little varmint in the cage next to him butted in.

"Ain't you gonna introduce me to your new girl, Sir?'

"My sister," he explained to me.

On second thought, she was rather at-

Drat that Pat-at that moment she took me from the cage and started her eternal brushing. Wonder I have any fur left.

Sir's lady returned and placed a For Sale sign on his cage, and Pat asked what she wanted, \$125.00 must be quite a lot because Pat said she wished she could afford it. So did I.

The judging started and a smelly creature in a smelly white coat took me from Pat and carried me up front. First the Judge looked over all the White males and it didn't surprise me at all when she gave the championship points to Sir.

There were five others in my class, including Sir's sister. It was rather humiliating to have her win the points, even though she was HIS sister.

That Judge knew what she was doing though-she gave Sir the fancy green and yellow ribbon for being the best of all Whites, and this was his first show. Imagine that!

Back in our cages, Sir and I became well acquainted, discussing our homes and ancestors at length. As a matter of fact, we discovered that we have the same great grandfather-old Lord Cotton Cloud. imported from England. London I believe is in England, and London is where Pussy Cat went to catch a mouse under someone's chair.

Incidently, that disgusting, snobby Blue Cream didn't win a thing. Like Pat says, "thank the Lord for small favors."

Joe judged us the next day. He gave Sir points, then turned to us girls. He looked sort of confused and I began to feel sorry for the poor dope, even if his hands did stink.

I felt betrayed when he dared to give Sir's sister the points, but you should have seen Pat. Lord love a tomcat! Her face

reminded me of the mongrel I chased down the street last fall.

Again Sir earned the best of color award.

I was carried back to my cage and there was Pat struggling into her coat. Joe came running up to her and she pulled off her engegement ring and dropped it in

"Traitor," she growled.

"Honey, be reasonable. Little Eva didn't have quite the type of the other

And to think I had always liked Joe. Just goes to show-soft voices don't make intelligent men, or words to that effect.

"Why you self-opinionated moron. What qualifies you to judge? You're not good enough to judge Little Eva's fleas." One last snarl and she left Joe looking like a wet Persian.

Sir chuckled. "People act silly." "Humph-so do White cats," snorted that nauseating Blue Cream.

"Blue Creams should talk-they're neither here nor there."

She glared at me.

Being the best of a show is the cat's pajamas. Not that I care to wear the things. Be that as it may-Sir was competing, so I kept my paws crossed for him.

"Your boyfriend hasn't a chance," remarked the B. C. "That handsome Blue happens to be my second cousin, and he's been the best at all his shows. "Always a last time, Dearie."

There was the frightening glare of cameras and bundles of noise. Of course I assumed the Best Cat had been chosen. And then, shades of Puss-In-Boots, Pat returned for me, shoving me roughly into the horrid little box. Not only would I never know who was the Best Cat, but I hadn't had a chance to say goodby to

Life suddenly seemed very very mouseless and dull, even though it once more contained soft chairs, freedom and plenty of liver. I guess it seemed that way to Pat, too. She just moped around the house, and wouldn't talk to Joe at all.

One morning while Pat was at work, Joe came. I hid behind the sofa and listened.

". . . Best Cat of the show," I heard him saying. "Do you think she'll take

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FEWLINES BOUT FELINES

COLLECTED BY ANNE METCALF

IN DEFENSE OF CATS

How they malign you, those who hold your need

Of man is but requirement for food! Those who decry you for your feline greed,

Have never known you, or have misconstrued.

They have never seen, with your adored areav.

What small temptation lies in your repast:

How you grow sharply limned with every

Until the sojourner returns at last. Have your well-nourished critics ever turned

With cool disinterest from early toast To seek familiar lips; or gladly spurned Martinis for caresses? Who can boast? Before our benison falls on his head, Our little cat disdains his daily bread.

-Eileen Robbins

CAT WASHING HIS WHISKERS

Such wide, such blazing innocence Heaven cannot show As speaks in your untroubled gaze, Steadfast, aglow.

Your saintliness is candor's self And chides me, to my shame. Suspicion is unthinkable. You're not to blame.

Yet here the ravished goldfish bowl Yawns accusingly. . Someone had a midnight snack, and it wasn't me!

-Ethel Jacobson

FOO LING PO

Small, blue-eyed hoyden, Dressed for Mardi Gras. Mask of chocolate velvet, Formal, arm length, velvet gloves; And, matching accessory, The eloquent, Elegant, Tapering, Twitching, Velvet

-Helen Hutton Bangs

Here lies a pretty cat: Her Mistress who loved nothing, Loved her to folly;

Tail.

Why tell of it? One can see it well. Inscription over the marble cat sleeping on a marble pillow which Mme. la Duchesse de Lesdiguieres built at the grave of her cat

CLEO

Capricious beauty, when you mobilize Your lure, cajoling me with trick and

I yield once more, though knowing it unwise

To fall again, a victim of your guile. But love is never wise. Your pansy face Bewitches with its charm and I forget Too soon, too willingly. Your languid grace

Demands a doting service which is met, As like as not, with bored disdain. You

My efforts with a sulky amber glance, And I, love's dupe, I never seem to learn Indifference to your haughty arrogance. Your topaz eyes are wells of mystic wonder

That I, my Persian puss, am helpless under.

-Leslie Stream Fulton

OUR FIRESIDE SPHYNX

Our fireside sphynx, the pretty minx, Is telling no one what she thinks. She, calmly, with majestic air, Appropriates the Master's chair. Reflected firelight shines on her Big golden eyes and gold-tipped fur. Her furry paws tuck neatly under. Her purr, like softly muted thunder, Vibrates both warmth and relaxation. A feline's dream? Incantation? So wise, so poised, so unafraid, A place deep in our hearts she's made. You ask, "What service does she render, For food and lodging-care, most tender?"

She serves by adding beauty, pleasure, And other joys one cannot measure. Her presence radiates contentment, And ofttimes I feel sure presentment That she is wiser, far, than we Who can't believe what we don't see.

-Ethel Grace Moore

LITTLE SILVER CAT

Throw out the tattered catnip mouse And put the worsted ball away; No little Silver cat will pounce Ever again, on them in play.

All my own now, the cushioned chair, Where I may sit, relaxed, at ease. No longer fearful to lean back; Lest I, a sleepy cat might squeeze.

Haunted now the garden and house. Each corner, each bush, and each tree. This Spring I'll have no little cat, To dig my flower beds for me.

-Shirley Douglas

Deshoullieres cares not for the smart Her bright eyes cause, disdainful hussy! But like a mouse, her idle heart Is captured by a pussy.

-Francois Augustin Paradis de Moncrif (Said of Mme. Deshoullieres and her cat, Grisette.)

THE CAT THAT WANTED HIS RIGHTS

We laughed about the cat, sometimes,

Had something close to personality-Like caricatures that walk across the

Always complaining, querulous with age. Our neighbor said she'd fed him for twelve years,

He slept upon her grounds, yet wasn't

He once lived down the street, but did not find

His owner quite according to his mind, So he came to her and yowled till he was fed.

To us, he seemed to add, "Yes on stale bread!"

He had a dozen tones in which to scold. He sat on his four feet, for they were

He never purred; was willing though to tell

That nothing in his world was going well. One day we missed him, asked for him and found

Three weeks had passed since he had been around.

We wondered why it seemed, somehow, that he

Was almost human; we reflected we Differ from other animals and gain Human status because we do complain. Asking more than other creatures can Becomes the mark, if not the cause, of Man.

We say we're sons of God, so good things might

Be coming to us largely as our right.

With supplication, curse and plea and prayer,

We trouble the serene or troubled air! So might a cat which should be someone's

But found indifference all that he could

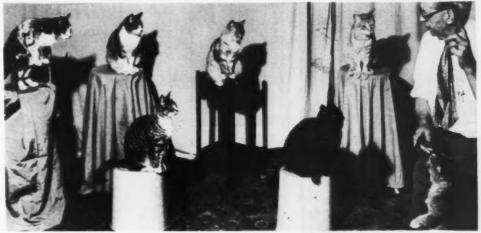
I'd like to think Sour Thomas is not dead, But has struck out for better things, instead

-A loving master, luscious things to eat-

Has got his rights, on some much sunnier street.

-Margery Mansfield

Seven of Oren H. DuBois's amateurs take their places for the start of the performance.



Photos by Lonnie Wilson

SCHOOL OF FELINE DRAMA

By Marylaird Wood

As everyone who's ever had one for a pet knows, cats are soft, cuddly, frisky, furry and nice to have around. But they are inclined to laziness and prefer to do as they please. In fact, they are plenty independent!

That's why you seldom see cats performing in carnivals or circuses.

But in Oakland, California, there's a fellow named Oren H. Du Bois who believes cats have what it takes to be at least "amateur" performers. Just for the fun of it, he has trained nine cat-pets into a troupe of first class entertainers.

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Like every show, this one has its star. Rating top-billing is a feline high-jumper called Fury who can hop over a stick as it is raised to various heights. Fury, too, can maneuver a narrow ledge in public, salute, and roll a barrel across the floor. Supporting cast includes Sally, whose forte is the ballet and Frosty, who can play simple tunes on the piano. Also members of the cast are Judy, Lady, Buttons, Ming, Boots and Punch.

His cats are strictly amateurs . . . and

Du Bois is an amateur trainer, too who uses only loving attention, patience, perserverence, and a deep understanding of his pets to teach them. By profession Du Bois is an engineering draftsman with the government forestry services in San Francisco. But he loves animals and has trained a horse and several dogs. He has always wondered if cats could be taught through his method of kindness. It was an effort to satisfy his own curiosity that made him set to work on his little troupe. He says it took a lot of time plus patience and persistence, but—as the photos show—it worked!

Du Bois has the cats so well-trained that they go through a "performance" in professional routine, with no prompting. They listen quietly for general directions, then proceed with their parts with no individual coaxing or coaching. DuBois' skill in developing the Thespian talents of individual cats is remarkable, and equally interesting is the fact that nine cats—plain household variety cats—can work

together as a "circus team".



Fury walks the tightrope above, while below, the high-jumper puts on his performance.





"Salute!" at Mr. DuBois's command, up goes kitty's paw in this strict military form.



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"Tips to the Novice" by Blanche Wolfram

I have recently read an article on ringworm with respect to cats which compels me to again bring up the subject of fungus. Nothing touches my heart more than suffering by some little innocent kitten, especially if something could have been done to alleviate its torture. The deplorable condition of a cat pictured with ringworm, was a sorry sight to see and it is my belief that this cat did not have the proper attention, or that its owner was at a loss in treating it correctly. This article is meant to help those of you who may have missed my first article on skin trouble and you who ask my aid in warding off the ravages of ringworm.

First, let me thank you for the many letters that came to me expressing thanks for the help rendered in the article which appeared in the May 1954 issue of CATS Magazine. It was also a pleasure to hear from many of you at the shows regarding the beneficial effect of the remedy discussed in that article. True, there were some of you who stated that it had no effect on your cats but, with further questioning it was found that the instructions had not been carried out fully. That is why I will again go into complete detail.

Perhaps some of you may have heard fungus, ringworm, etc. mentioned but do not know what it really is. Fungus is a form of plant life, microscopic in size, that can be very destructive. There are thousands of varieties and can be best explained as being a type of mold. You have at one time or another noticed mold on stale bread or spoiled food. The fungus growing on our cats is similar, but you cannot see it with the naked eye; it takes a microscopic analysis to determine its presence. Where it takes root on the cat you will find a ring or circle appear in which the fur has fallen out. You may also note a condition very similar to dandruff or you may find the open spots to be in a scabby condition. This is your indication that fungus has contacted your cat. It seems that little kittens are more susceptible to fungus than are larger cats because of their more tender skin.

Fungus can be spread by contact or through the air. Breeders must constantly watch out for it. Prospective customers for the sale of a kitten can unknowingly bring it into the cattery; a trip to your veterinarian can bring you in touch with the fungus simply by walking on the floor of the waiting room. Touching a neighbor's dog, or even children, can spread it.

TREATING FUNGUS

In most cases cats are only mildly affected with fungus but if not treated immediately it can well develop into ringworm. The most important thing to remember is to get busy right away in fighting off the fungus.

The lime-sulphur dip which we recommend is a sort of unpleasant duty but in my opinion it is the safest and most effective remedy for use on our cats. Follow implicity the instructions contained in this article and I am sure you will eventually be successful in your efforts of controling this condition. It may be a hard, tough struggle and mean many hours of labor on your part, but it is well worth the effort to help our little furred friends through their very trying situation.

There are many different kinds of medicinal agents on the market for combating fungus conditions but it is my opinion that one of the oldest and least expensive of remedies, lime-sulphur, is still the best. It is sulphur in a colloidal state, in other words a liquid. Liquid preparations are desired over powder for the simple reason that they mix with water, and dilution is an absolute necessity where cats are concerned. Now, this is the method to employ in its use against fungus:

Look the cat over well, and if you see any gray substance similar to dandruff try to comb out as much as possible. Brushing will also be beneficial. If you notice some open skin that the fur has been falling from, pull off all the loose fur around it that will easily come away. If any scabs are present be sure to remove them also. After this has been taken care of, thoroughly wash the cat all over in warm soapy water-this will help to wash away some of the fungus spores. Rinse thoroughly two times at least, using new water each time. Besides removing spores you will be taking the grease and oil from the fur to allow the lime-sulphur to penetrate to the skin. Also, the skin will be opened thereby giving the lime-sulphur a better chance to work. Do not entirely dry but allow the water to drain from the fur as much as possible. Then, dip the cat in a warmed solution containing one part of limesulphur to twenty parts of water. (Remember the proportions of this mixture for it is important. If the solution is too weak its full effect will be lost; if the solution is too strong it will be uncomfortable for the cat.) After thoroughly dipping the cat, do not dry the cat with a towel but allow the excess to drain off. You should, however, get the cat dry as quickly as you can. This is easily done with heat in some manner, preferably, an electric hair dryer which works very well.

This treatment can be used on cats or kittens regardless of age. The only words of caution regarding kittens (and cats too) is to be sure you do all you can to

(RINGWORM) IN YOUR CAT

ward off a possible chill which could lead to more serious consequences.

It should be understood that not only the cats, but their quarters as well, should get a thorough going over. First remove all fur that may be fastened to the wood or wire. Scrub the quarters well with hot soapy water using Fels-Naptha soap. Rinse thoroughly and apply liberally a solution of lime-sulphur and water the proportion being one part to ten parts of water. Allow this to dry thoroughly before placing the cat back in its quarters. If the quarters are made of wood it is well to shellac them, using white shellac with wood alcohol as a thinner. This will dry very quickly, and two or three coats can be applied immediately. Varnish can be used but this takes too long to dry. Never use paint, especially those paints containing lead, for it will be very detrimental to the health of your cat if it is swallowed, even though dry.

In severe cases the entire washing and dipping operation must be repeated at intervals of five days. Of course it won't be necessary to shellac every time, but all other instructions should be followed to the letter. This may all sound like a difficult task but you must remember we are dealing with a very troublesome enemy. Scientists have done wonders in their fight against germs with powerful germicides, but fungus is not a germ and a complete fungicide has not been found as

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Your veterinarian probably has the lime-sulphur liquid in stock, but if not, he can get it for you.

Lime-sulphur is an over-all remedy and may also be used as a spotter, just applying the 20-to-one mixture to spots in between dippings. There are other things that can be used as a remedy, too, when the condition is not severe enough to warrant the complete L-S treatment. One of these is iodine. The white stainless variety would be best to use. Without a doubt iodine will kill off the growth of fungus but, one must remember the word POISON on the bottle. It is just that, and if swallowed by the cat in washing it off, you may find your cat dead. If you use this for spotting be very careful. Or you might try the following "spotter" formula as a help against fungus. Salicylic acid 6%, benzoic acid 4%, mixed with enough alcohol to make six ounces in all. Use pure grain alcohol (drinking alcohol) and not wood alcohol or rubbing alcohol which are poisonous.

Dr. Leon Whitney, the eminent Veterinarian and author believes in a product called Malucidin to be used as a remedy in the battle against fungus. This is excellent on some animals but is not advisable on longhair cats because of its tendency to mat very badly. Of course, the fur can all be cut off minimizing the work in combing out the mats. Another product that has found favor is seleen.

This, like iodine, is highly poisonous, so extreme care must be exercised in its use. It is a shampoo, and one must rinse and re-rinse the cat thoroughly. You must also be careful not to get any of the seleen under your fingernails because it can easily poison food coming in contact with the fingers. Unless you are expert in its use do not attempt to treat your cats with it.

There is another new fungicide which seems to hold much promise. The May 1955 CORONET magazine carried an article written by Robert L. Dee about a new discovery in the fight against fungus. Capt. Allen R. Kittleson of the Esso Research and Engineering Labs at first thought he had a germicide but with extensive tests his discovery was found to be a fungicide. I have made inquiries, and was informed that it is not toxic to cats if directions are followed. Two companies are now making it: the California Spray Chemical Co., Haddenfield, N. J., which calls theirs Calspray Orthocide #406, and the Stauffer Chemical Co., Chester, Pa., who have named theirs Fungicide #406. However, it will be well to wait until the veterinarians approve this treatment before using it on your cat. Otherwise, you will be chancing all the dangers inherent in any new product.

Please keep in mind that not only cats but all other fur bearing animals can be troubled with fungus. And growers of plant life have the same problems. Fungus will grow on every living thing and for this reason it is very hard to keep from getting fungus at some time or other. Should it develop on your cat, resort to the remedies as given promptly, for failure to do so will only lead to more serious complications. Do not despair but get right to work and I am sure your efforts will be rewarded with success.

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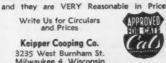


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Conducted By E. A. Renaux, D.V.M.

My problem is a skin condition on a Blue Persian female. It has occurred twice, each time in October. Quarter to threequarter inch patches of thick layer greasy type dandruff appear from the head to tail. Generally along the spine with predominance over the hind quarters. When the patches are removed with alcohol, the skin underneath is mildly inflamed but not raw. Last year the condition did not respond to fungicidal ointments but did seem to clear up slowly by repeated dipping in diluted Velminck Solution. I would appreciate any assistance you can give me since my local veterinarian is at a loss.

-Charles W. Cash

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With the repetitions coming at the same time, I would suspect that they are due to the same basic cause-primarily a hormonal disturbance, which, after it had run its course allows the system to return to normal. Treatment for this type of upset varies greatly depending on the particular nature of the individual case. Bathing the cat in a lime-sulphur solution might help to control some of the skin irritation.

My one year old male cat has a condition causing bloody stools every third or fourth day. Medically, he has been diagnosed as having ulcers and also as having nothing more serious than hair balls. He eats and sleeps normally, but after his stool has been bloody, he seems listless. I have changed his diet to a mild one. This condition has been going on for about four months. Can you spot any symptoms that might indicate some serious condition?

I would suggest that the first thing to be done would be an X-ray examination to try to find any area of trouble in the digestive tract. The feeding of a very bland diet may help to avoid any great irritation of the bowel. Adding a calcium and phosphorous preparation and some vitamin K may help to reduce some of the hemorrhage by aiding the blood to clot more rapidly and prevent too much loss.

I have a Chinchilla Persian kitten 14 months old. When he was six months old he started to have periodic paralysis of his legs. He can stretch them, but cannot stand on them. At the same times his bowel movements become loose. In three days he starts to walk again and is normal for about two months. The veterinarians I took him to cannot find anything physically wrong with him. And there is evidently no deficiency in his diet. I would appreciate your advice.

-Mrs. G. E. Schumann

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I do not have any helpful information for you at all. From your description of how the cat behaves and his weight I would suspect that there is some deep seated inherent difficulty. I do not mean inherited, but a specific abnormality of the individual. Try to maintain him in the best physical condition possible. I would not be too optimistic about a cure.

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I awakened a few months ago at four o'clock in the morning to discover that some pipe had sprung a leak and water was running all over the floor so I tried for a half hour to awaken my mistress by pulling at the bed covers, patting her face and calling her then finally she realied I had a good reason to try to get her up at that hour and when she opened her sleepy eyes she found the floor of the house flooded with an inch of water. She called to my master to quickly turn the water off and to mop up. I wanted to make sure he mopped up well so I sat on the table and bossed the job with my mow wow wowing until I was sure he had it all dried up. Then I said 'Well, that's done so, let's get back to bed.'

The next day repairs were made but . . . a few weeks later the same thing happened again at three o'clock in the morning . . . and . . . this time I decided to awaken my master instead of my sleepy head mistress and he bounded out of bed in a hurry before the damage became as great as before . . . but . . again I bossed the job to make sure it was well done.

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By Ruby Zagoren

The tiger cat was snugly rolled into a ball and sleeping happily. The baby cried in its crib. Like a streak of lightning, the cat leaped up, ran out of the room, to where the mother sat sewing. The cat scratched gently at her leg and meowed. The mother knew that the baby was awake, for this was the way her cat had summoned her time after time.

We can't expect all cats to be as responsible as this particular one. At the same time we can expect cats to be unusually kind and considerate to babies in the home. Cats seem to sense that babies and toddlers are just learning about the art of living, and therefore must be excused when they enthusiastically pull a tail.

Our tom cat, the ordinary house cat variety, surely doesn't like to have his tail pulled by our husky one-year-old. Yet our little boy has never been scratched by this cat. When our little girl started navigating about the house, she too, would once in a while grab the cat's tail and pull hard; yet the cat never once scratched her. He did try to get away from her, it's true; and it is also true that if an adult had pulled its tail, the adult would have been scratched. I maintain that the cat knew the difference. He knew that toddlers are to be excused.

If my cat were the only one that behaved well with children, it would be the exception. Actually, I have spoken to dozens of families who have had babies come into their homes where cats had long before been objects of affection. Nearly every one said the same thing. While their children were learning to treat the cats kindly, while they were toddlers, the cats never scratched them. A small kitten, while playing, might accidentally scratch a baby, but a grown cat, almost never.

I want to present this testimony especially since there are so many tales current that malign cats. We've all heard that old saw that cats will steal a baby's breath, or smother it. I know it is not so. I've allowed my cat to sleep in the same room with both my babies; the cat liked to sleep there because it was the warmest room in the house.

A cat that has been well treated and that regards itself from long experience as "one of the family", will want to give the new child a chance to learn. Not every cat will run and summon the mother when the baby cries, but nearly every cat will let a toddler pull its tail and not scratch.

Of course, from there on, it is up to the mother to show the child how to do "nice kitty", and help the child pat the cat. It helps all around; it teaches the child how to be kind and it assures the cat that he did the right thing.



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No doubt thousands of cat lovers will take exception to this title, but I repeat: Cats are stupid.

Three cats are now living with my husband and me. Three cats that we are constantly protecting from the pitfalls of civilized living.

Jimmy, a Red Tabby, has a knack for getting his tail caught in the refrigerator door. As soon as the door opens Jimmy is there. And when I am ready to close the door, little stoopy-head invariable turns around leaving his tail resting inside. So there they are-three lumps in his tail, souvenirs of the three times my mind must have been on something else when I shut the door.

Then, Shorty. A beautiful grey tiger charmer with big green eyes. He just delights in running back and forth in between our feet. His head is a little flat where I've fallen on him a few times when I haven't remembered to walk as though I were straddling a horse, but the next time I take an unpremediated step, ten-to-one, Shorty will be there.

Peter keeps falling into the bath tub. That wouldn't be so bad if it weren't that usually I'm in it when he falls in. Peter should know that he is very unhappy when he is a wet cat, but does that stop him from falling into the tub every chance he gets?

All three take great joy in running up the screens on windows and doors. They are always catching their claws in the screens and then hang by one leg, howling, until one of us comes to their rescue. (No "Thanks", of course.) I know . . I read the poetry page every month, but it doesn't seem to me that the "Wisdom of the Ages" can be contained in these furry little fat heads that are constantly in trouble.

For instance, whenever my husband or I happen to enter a room in which one of our idiots is reposing, immediately the back arches, the claws come out, and the spitting starts. This is the same treatment accorded dogs, charging buffalo, and men from Mars. It never takes us more than three minutes to convince our Kuckoo Kitties that we are the hand that feeds them-the people who have been living in their house for nigh onto three years. Hardly what you might call strangers.

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We are quite fond of our three foolish felines and enjoy every minute of our constant vigil to keep them from expending their combined 27 lives, in too short a period of time. But we cannot go along with all this bosh about the "Wisdom of The Cat". We think they are just poor dumb little creatures who need %\$#-% # &&'-&- %\$# (&-%\$\$%-&#\$%-(sorry, Jimmy just got his foot caught in the typewriter) constant love and protec-

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"I don't know, Joe, She's pretty set in her ways. Oh, but he's magnificent. What's his name?"

"Sir something or other." SIR?

I peeked around the sofa and it was HE all right. Sort of playfully, I growled at him and he jumped around, his fur on end and hissed at me, then he grinned and ran after me. It was wonderful. He chased me all around the house, over chairs, up curtains-it sure was wonderful.

Sir and I were curled up together in the big, soft armchair in front of the

fireplace when Pat got home. 'Mom, where'd this cat come from?"

"What cat, dear?"

"You know what cat . . . no, don't tell me. Joe, the snake in the grass."

"It was sweet of him. That's a valuable animal."

"Not for me! I'm taking him back,

And she did, I could have killed her, If I'd been big enough, believe me, I would

When I slept that night, I dreamed Pat was the size of a mouse. I ate her. But then I had another, more useful type of dream. I lay dying. Pat got so worried, she called Joe. Cat's meow, I said to myself, that's it.

Not being quite sure how a dying cat sounds, I simply put my heart and soul into it and being only about 3:00 A.M., caused a furor. Pat hurried to me wearing her pajamas, mumbling to herself. I lay on my side, eyes closed, and howled, then thrashed my feet around. She sat with me until morning, stroking me, and crying. If I hadn't been so mad at her, I'd have felt sorry.

My plan backfired. She took me to a vet who prodded and poked until I bit him. Adding injury to insult, he stabbed me with a needle.

"Frankly, I can't find anything wrong. She has no temperature whatsoever-she seems to be in perfect health. That shot should relieve the pain. Give her these pills twice a day and call me if she gets worse."

Of course I got worse. In fact I sounded so bad, it scared me, and Pat grew des-

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Mr. Donahue snorted.

"Well, why not?" she argued. "Ever since Pat took that cat back to Joe, she's acted like this."

I rubbed against her legs.

"See? I think she knows what we're saying. She acts better. If I were you, I'd call Joe and have him bring that cat over here. It won't hurt to try it."

"I can't call him, Mom."

She shrugged. "It's your cat."
It seemed like hours went by while I watched her walking the floor, trying to get up nerve to call him, but she finally did. She told him how sick I was, and then she said, "He is?" I could hear Joe's voice little and tinny saying something. And then she told him to hurry over. When she hung up, her face was all pink and shiny and smiling. She picked me up, hugging the breath out of me, but I didn't care. I purred.

Joe came in holding Sir drooping loosely under his arm. Sir looked sort of sick, but when he saw me, he shouted and leaped across the room. He chased me behind the sofa. I looked back and there was Joe kissing Pat.

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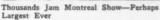
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vaited for hours in crowded halls to get into the tremendously successful Montreal Cat Fanciers Association

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Cat Fanciers and the public alike were flabbergasted by the tremendous public response to the first Montreal cat show in years, sponsored by the Montreal Cat Fanciers Association (ACA). Throngs estimated by the newspapers as "several thousands" jammed the show room aisles and the Queens Hotel lobby and corridors. At times, the lines of waiting spectators extended far out into the street.

From all accounts, this may have been the largest gate of any exclusively cat show held in America. Date was November 6.

The show was All Breed, only, and despite the crowds, the club management and Judge Helen Hildebrand maintained order and successfully conducted the judging. Best Cat was John Machoka, Jr.'s Bancroit's Betsy, and Best OS was Ch. Aly-Resa of Rosa Noma, an Aby owned by C. Rose and N. Walsh. There were 172 entries from all parts of Canada and the United States.

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Harriet M. Grimson, Show Secretary, says that there is a possibility that the club will hold another show this spring. Montreal Cat Fanciers Association is only one year old, but already has more than 130 members who have accomplished this tremendous outpouring of cat

Boston Loses, Florida Gains Mrs. Mabie.

Marguerite Saxby Mabie, well-known popular national and international judge of cat shows; president of Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., since 1951; president of Boston Cat Club, Inc. for twelve years—1941 to 1946 and 1949 to 1954; manager of Boston Cat Show 1937, 1938, 1941, 1954, and of Boston's great November 3—4 1955 Golden Anniversary Cat Show—
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Triple Header Christmas Celebration

Three clubs of the Minneapolis area—Twin City Cat Fanciers, Inc., Minnesota Siamese Club, and Twin City Solid Color Club held a successful joint Christmas party December 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wallman. Christmas gifts were exchanged and community cat interests promoted.

New Mid-West Officers

New officers of the Mid-West Feline Fanciers Club (CFF): President, Mr. James A. Craze; Vice President, Mr. Lynn O. Brooks; Secre-tary, Mrs. Louise B. Jamison, Route 3, Box 434, Kenosha, Wisc.; Treasurer, Mr. V. A.

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Ann Manley calls our attention to our error in her discussion of Sales Taxes in the December issue (page 19). **Rervices are NOT subject to sales taxes in California, nor in most other



Garden State Kitten Match

Mrs. Raymond Ginger tells us that Best Kit-ten in the Garden State All Breed Kitten Go was not her Honey Dew as stated, but her Katinka. Sorry, Miss K.

Cat Orphanage Adopted as Project of Memphis Club

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The adoption of a Resolution to establish a fund from the profits of Cat Shows held here in Memphis to be used to found a Cat Orphanage for Memphis and Shelby County was brought about by the two-sided membership of the Memphis and Mid South Cat Fanciers Club. Some of the members are Cat Fanciers and others just fancy cats—any cats, and the two got together last month and decided for the best interests of both groups that something constructive should be done for the Cat population. At this time there are far too many cats here that nobody wants. Some of these find their way into the Humane Shelter where they are put to sleep at once without any effort being made to find homes for them. Others are dumped alongside highways in the county and left to the fate of starvation, racing wheels are killer dogs. Still others wander about in a pitiful state of flea-bitten and diseased misery—and apparently nobody cares.

A community with too many cats makes cats of no value. Breeders of good cats cannot find a reasonable market for their hard work and expense in raising fine cats. Those who love cats—any cats—have their hearts torn out by the neglect and suffering imposed by the very real indifference of everyone to the problem, and they cannot find homes for the wretched feline waifs which they find and nurse back to health. The members left that surely here was an opportunity to do the community a service and help the Cat Fanciers and those who Just Fancy Cats. They decided to set aside money from the profits of the Shows and some day build and support a Cat Orphanage where all sorts of cats which are unwanted for one reason or another could be brought and where these animals can be spayed, and neutered and again placed in good homes. The entire county would benefit, for cats would not continually produce unwanted kittens who in turn grow up and do the same thing. The Cat Fanciers would find a more interested market for their fine cats—for cats would be able to really do (Continued on page 23)

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Show Reports . . .

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (ACA) 49th Ch Show. Toronto, Canada, Aug. 26-27, 1955 ALL BREED—Judge, Or. Frances MacCraken. Best Cat, Best Ch. Best Lil, Best Sil—Rob-Mar's Dante, sil m, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin. 2nd Best Cat, O8 Cat, Best Open, O8 LH, Best SC—Lee's Hi-Hat Sweet Regardless, BE Wh f. Mrs. Marile Wilson. O8 Cbm—Suni June of Dawn, er f., Mr. & Mrs. Hilbeck. Best Nov—Blue Gable's Snow Man II, GE Wh m, Mrs. Marile Wilson. O8 Nov, O8 Sil—Favo's Twilight Wanda, sil f, Miss Ellen Caldwell (lagent). O8 Open—Dawn Patrol of Babylon, blue m, Mrs. Salile Partian. Best SH, Best Sla—Chi Charoen Hu-Shil, Sf f, Gladise German. O8 SH, O8 DSH—Silver Quest Whirlaway, brn tby m, Kay Thoma. Best DSH—Lady III, blk f, Mrs. Ethel M. Brown. O8 FSH, O8 Sla—Taza, CP m, Mrs. Madeline Christy. Best Manx—Ch Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, blk f, Ann Bieneman. O8 Manx—Willow Rock Ebony, blk m, Angie Boughman. Best Aby—Ch Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, f, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schuler. O8 Aby—Selene's Cairo Kem of Flomar, m, M. L. Sykora. Best Burmese—Kalyan Princess Kal-Lee, f, Mr. & Mrs. A. Slauter. O8 Burmese—Som Phong of Palmer: m Rosa-Noma Cattery. Best Kit—Wheeler's Lord Buff, cr m, Mr. & Mrs. F. Wheeler. O8 Kit—Jo-Jl, SP f, Nancy & Winter Ellen Taylor. Best LH Neuter—Souvenir Ginny, blue, Mr. & Mrs. Lone Best SH Neuter—George, Mr. & Mrs. Ella Conroy, Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Sil—Rob-Mar's Dante, sil m, Mr. & Mrs. Ella Conroy, Best Cat, O8 Cat, Best Nov, Best SC—Arlynn Maritza, GE Wh f, Mr. & Mrs. Arno Beck. O8 Ch—Suni June of Dawn. e f, Mr. & Mrs. H. Millbeck. O8 Nov—Blue Gable's Snow Man II, GE Wh m, Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best Open—Black Pepper of Wheeler, blk m. Mrs. & Mrs. F. Wheeler. O8 Depo—Lee's Hi-Hat Sweet Regardless. BE Wh f. Mrs. Mars.

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OS Sia—Chi Charocen Hu-Shih, SP f., Gladies German. Best DSH—Silver Quest Vagabond King, GE Wh m, Kay Thoma. OS DSH—Lady III, bik, f. Mrs. Ethel Brown. Best Manx—Ch Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, bik f., Ann Bieneman. OS Manx—Willow Rock Ebony, bik m, Angle Boughman. Best Aby—Su-Syan Saadia of Dalai, f. Virginia Daly. OS Aby—Aly-Rosa of Rosa-Noma, m, Rosa-Noma Cattery. Best Kit.—Kalyan Kapri, SP m, Eleanore Hamling. OS Kit.—Rosa-Norma Zara, f., Rosa-Noma Cattery. Best Neuter—George, Mr. & Mrs. H. Lee.

NEVADA CAT FARCIESS (AGA), 1st Ch Show, Reno, Nevada, Oct. 8—9, 1955.

ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Davis O'Connell. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Lif, Best SC—Cresthaver's Mr. Big of Prieta, blue m, Mrs. Marian Beller. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best SII—Starlight Sweetheart Bandit, sil m, Mr. & Mrs. Claude Hoffman. OS Cat, OS Open, Best SI, Best Sia—Lavender Lady, Lilae P. f. Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS Ch—HRH Marin Princess Always, SP f., Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best Nov. Best DSH—Me-Bel's Sno-Man of Casa Blanca, Be Wh m, Mrs. Betty Armstrong. OS Nov—De Leifs Olive Wumba Poo, Dik f., Yonna Leifermann. OS LiH, OS Sil—Ch Kiva's Kachina Doll of Greenbough, sh sll f, Mrs. Robert Hare (BS SC—Cresthaver): Iris of Val, blue f, Mrs. Val Malstrom. Best T&T—Kootenal Tawnette of Cal-Iva, red by f, Mrs. Emma Grant. OS SI, Best Manx—Ch Manxland Flinlo, blk m, Dolores & Lynn Dana. OS Sis—Ch Lamar's Ava tang. SP m, Mrs. Charles Jones. OS DSH—Purple Sage Zita of Kiiva, sil tby f, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Horney She, Mrs. R. D. Horney She, Mrs. R. D. Forrest, Sp Aby—Ch Bograe's Abessa, f, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Forrest, Sp Aby—Ch Bograe's Abessa, f, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Forrest, Descanded of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley, Best R. blue—Ch Lamar's Karen, Mrs. Charles Jones. OS R. Bule—Ch Bograe's Peter. Best Kit—Crofton Bleu, BP m, Edward C. Brehm. OS Kit—Lanny Lea's Lune D'or of Val, cr f, Bert Malstrom. Best Neuter—Silver Jed Of Kelang, Bp, 1ra Lung Best Spay—Me-Bel's Little imp, SF, Mrs. Rea Rosenberg.

LUNGHAIR SPECIALITY—Judge, Howard Casassa, Best Cat, Best Ch, B

Jones, OS Kit—Cordon Bieu, Br m. Edward Brehm. Best Neuter, Smokey, Dik DSH, Mrs. Tommy Machen. Rest Spay—Me-Bel Little Imp, SF, Mrs. Res Rosenberg.

**WORTH SHORE CAT CLUB (CFA) 10th Ch Show, Chicage, Ill., Get. 22—23, 1955 ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Raigh Mable. Rest Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best LH, Best St.—Stonemont Golden Boy, cr m, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. 2nd Best Cat, Best LH, Best Ed.—Bloembill Aladdin, cr m, Mrs. John Bloem. OS Cat, OS Open, OS LH, Best T&T.—Blue Gable Glamour Girl, bl cr, Marie Wilson. Best Open.—Vi-Jon Gorgeous Georg, blue m, Mrs. John Small. 68 Ch, OS Sil—Sliver Mæsa Mis Katrina, sh sil f, W. W. Rabbitt. Best Sliver—Ch Shy's Castle Jeffrey, chin m, Mrs. Willard Shy. Rest Nov—Lyrwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Nov—Briargate's Thereas Rystedt, blk f, Mrs. Leone Rystedt. OS SC.—Ch Miss Minnesota, BE Wh f, Vivian Nord. OS T&T.—Merza's Tapestry of Glenwood, sil thy m, Mrs. G. Faber. Rest SH, Best Sia—Gr Ch Dalai Jakki, SF m, Virginia Daly. OS SH, OS Sia—Ch Shawnee Btarter, sil thy m, Nikid Horner. Best Manx—Glen Grry's Orry of Manx, red thy m, Ruth & Ellen Carison. Best Aby—Crago's Obeda of Livingston, m, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS Aby—Su-Ryan Sanda of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly. Best Burmese—Ch Su-Ryan Ma Hone Lin of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly. Best Burmese—Ch Su-Ryan Ma Hone Lin of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly. Best Sti—Lynwood Crusader, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Gallahad's White Innocence, BE Wh f, Blanche Wolfram. Best Spay—Arlynn Ittl Bitt Boo of Will-O-Mar, blue, Capt. & Mrs. Wm. R Brown.

**LUNGMAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Kay Thoma. Best Cat, Best Cat, Best Cb, Best

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SII—Shy's Castle Jeffrey, chin m, Mrs. Willard Shy. 08 Cat, 08 Ch. D8 SC—Bosedere Fleur of Allington, 0E Wh f. (lessee) Nikki Horner. Best Nov—Lynwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. 08 Nov—Bancroft's Queen of Diamonds, 0E Wh, f. Miss Darlene Sales. Best Open—Blue Bidge Twinkie II of Blu Acre, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. 08 Open—Hermscrest Zara of Concordia, blk f., Mrs. John Porter. 08 SII—Ch Silver Mesa Miss Katrina, sh sil f., Mr. W. W. Babbitt. Best T&T—Blue Gable Glamour Girl, bl cr. Mrs. Marie Wilson. 08 T&T—Ch Eastmoor Robin Maroon, red tby m. Mrs. V. E. Peterson, Best Kit—Lynwood Flambeau, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. 08 Kit—Curtsy's Mamzelle De-De, blue f, Mrs. Frederick Curtis, Jr. Best Spay—Arlynn Ittl Bittl Boo of Will-O-Mar, Capt. & Mrs. Wn. R. Brown. SMORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Kay Thoma. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Slama Christie, SP f, Laverne P, Chapman. 2nd Best Cat. Best Open, Best Sia—Slama Christie, SP f, Laverne P, Chapman. 2nd Best Cat. Best Open, Best Sia—Slama Christie, SP f, Laverne P, Chapman. 2nd Best Cat. Brigards's Little Lizabeth, BP f, Mrs. H. J. Wallman. 08 Cat, 08 Open, 08 Sia—Slama Cyrlo, SP m, Laverne P, Chapman Best Gr. Ch—Dalai Jakki, SP m, Virginia Daly, Best Ch—Shawnee Heather, BP f, Nikki Horner. 08 Ch—Tempurra's Yours Truly, RP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett, Best Now—Rystedt's Hassy Jr. BP m, Mrs. Lone Rystedt 0.8 Nor—Shawnee Narcissus, 0E WH f DSH, Nikki Horner. Best DSH, Best SC—Ch Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, Oe Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. 08 DSH, Best T&T—Shawnee Starter, sil tby m, Nikki Horner. 08 T&T—My-Lo Silver Lady, sil tby f, Mrs. Frank Lockrey, Sr. Best Manx—Tappee-Doo of Glen Ory, blk m, Ruth & Ellen Carlson. Best Aby—Crago's Obeda of Livingston. m, Ruth Coe Livingston. 08 Aby—Su-Ryan Saadl of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly, Best Burmese—Ch Su-Syan Ms. Hone Lin of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly, Best Burmese—Ch Su-Syan Ms. Hone Lin of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly, Best Burmese—Ch Su-Syan Ms. Hone Lin of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly, Best Burmese—Ch Su-Syan Ms. Ho

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LONGHAIR SPECIALTY (Except T&T) Judge, Mrs. Betty Youngman. Best Cat, Best open. Best Sil—Robelaine's Respiendent, sil f, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Bellham. 2nd Best Cat, Sc Cat, Sc Cat, Best Sc, Sc Open—Renown of Dunesk, blue m, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Marcinke. Best Gr Ch—Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, cr m, Marie Wilson. OS Gr Ch, OS SC—Blue Gables Snow Girl II, OE Wh f, Marie Wilson. Best Ch—Casa Contenta Caprice, sil f, Margaret Lovett. OS Ch, OS Sil—Sari's Beau Geste, sh sil m, Dr. C. E. Flikins. Best Nov—Bambi of McKinley Park, sh sil m, Mrs. Eugene Fouque. OS Nov—Grastione's Cookie, blue f, Mrs. Grace Stoneburner, Best Kit—Bean Bidge's Jacques, sil m, Mrs. Eugene Fouque. OS Now—Grastione's Cookie, blue f, Mrs. Grace Stoneburner, Best Kit—Bean Bidge's Jacques, sil m, Mrs. Eugene Fouque. OS Now—Grastione's Cookie, blue f, Mrs. Bernice Man. Best Cat, Best District Marcine Mar

Mrs. Ralph Crone. 08 Kit—Bonnie Brae Tonna, SP f. Lydia M. Scott. Best Neuter—Whiskers, SP, Robin Futzrath.

MARIN COUNTY CAT CLUB (ACA) 5th Ch Show, San Rafael, California, Oct. 29-30, 1955. All. BREED—Judge, Mrs. Rath Lentz. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Cresthaven's Mr. Big of Prieta, blue m, Marian Beller. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Ch, Best SH, Best Sia—HBH Marin Princess Always, SP f. Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best Gr Ch—Tempura's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. R. Birkett. OS Gr Ch—Shanna Groth's Black Pearl, blit f, Mrs. Colleen Asiyn. Best Nov—OS LB, US SC—Flagstone Gold Doll of Victorian, cr f, Mr. Val Malstrom. OS Nov, OS Sil—Las Lonnas Man About Town, sh sll m, Dor's Weston. Best Open. Best Sil—Spring Mountain Cinderella, smoke f, Mrs. Mildred Joseph. OS Open. OS Aby—Bograe's Nabou of Ruboe, m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS to 2nd Best Cat. Best Sil—Spring Mountain Cinderella, smoke f, Mrs. Mildred Joseph. OS Open. OS Aby—Bograe's Nabou of Ruboe, m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS to 2nd Best Cat. Rest WAT—Ch Tuff-E-Not of San-Dee. brn tby m, Mrs. A. J. Flynn. OS T&T—Ch Bleuegate's Joy, bl cr, Mrs. John Piniskron. OS SH, Best DSH—Smith's Tab-Boo, brn tby m, Dr. Fern Smith. OS FSH, OS Sia—Ch Mau Tien's Little Moses, BP m, Arthur V. Fisher. OS DSH—Ch Billig's Bon Ben of Old Oaks, GE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. Best Man—Finlo's Kirree, blue f, Barbara & Henry Varga. OS Manx—Ch Manxland Finlo, blk m, Dolores & Lynn Dana. Best Aby—Ch Bograe's Nath f, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Set Burnese—Chestdale's Mulkrad JI of Ruboe, m, Ruth Laron. Best R blue—HBH Marin Katinka, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley, OS R blue—Ch Bograe's Peter, m, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best Burnese—Chestdale's Mulkrad JI of Ruboe, m, Ruth Laron. Best R blue—HBH Marin Katinka, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley, OS R blue—Ch Bograe's Peter, m, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best Stil—Bania's Pamper of Prieta, blue m, Marian Beller. OS Kit—Bograe's Surna Grabo of Mau Tien, Burnese f, Ruth H, Fisher. Rest Neuter—Fiddler's Green Victorius, blue, Stanley Goldberg, Best S

torious, blue, Stanley Goldberg, Best Spay—Silver Queen of the Valley. Jackie Simkins.

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Blark Pearl, blk f, Mrs. Colleen Aslyn. Best Nov, Best Sil.—Las Lumas Man About

Town—sh Sil m, Doris Weston. OS Open—Burque Lee's Lorl, bl cr, Joan Jamison.

OS to 2nd Best Cat, Best T&T—Ch Bleusgate's Joy, bl cr, Mrs. John Pinkston. OS

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The Back Fence . . .

We have just finished putting away what was left of the Christmas tree decorations after three cats have had a "go" at them. You rarely have too much of a storage problem. The ones that survived the "on the tree" onslaught now are vulnerable to the "knock the whole box on the floor" routine. I hesitate to reckon in yards the amount of tinsel they have gotten away with this yuletide season. C'est la Noel Chat!

Snodie, the black masked villian was the Jesse James of the gang. As a train holder-upper, she has no superiors and few equals. She realized that just sitting on the track was quite enough to stop the mail from crossing the border. The "small one" was the terror of Cardboard Town and even nine year old Boog found there was still a dance or two in the old girl come Christmas time. We are now considering the possibility of a mobile tree hanging from the ceiling-just out of

jump-for next year.

Cats are always getting blamed for havoc to which they may contribute just a small portion. The Detroit News' columist-George Wilcock reported a telephone call he received from a lady who asked if cats were allowed to run loose. He assured her they were-in the name of rat and mouse control. She complained that she had spent \$24.00 for curtains that were in shreds because of cats. His curiosity regarding it brought forth this answer, and so help me -I quote-"A cat comes almost every day and sits outside my window. It jeers, actually jeers at my dog. My dog gets so upset that my curtains are being ruined with his chewing and clawing." I can see the Goddess of Justice laying down the scales and quietly chuck-

On the other hand, besides having five fingers, we have a bit of news that should make all cats purr a little louder. Hoppie, a stray adopted by Miss Edith Michie of Clifton Forge, Virginia, pounced upon a copperhead snake coiled on a clothesline just as it was about to strike Miss Michie. The fact that Hoppie-a victim of a train accident-is a threelegged cat just adds a touch of real heroism to the event. Hoppie has received a "well done" from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Was also chosen as Cat of the Month by a well-known cat food company.

Susie has become a controversial figure as she looms as a threat to higher educa-

tion. Her late owner, Mrs. Anna B. Rose of New York, bequeathed \$5000.00 to Susie, directing that \$60.00 a month be spent for board and food for her. After Susie's demise, any of the remaining fund will be given to Millersville State Teachers College, Mrs. Rose's Alma Mater. Here is a case of a Silver Persian being worth her weight in gold-academically speaking that is.

Indeed, our fine little feline friends are really making the papers in methods unique, but shrewd. Four cats, according to the Newton Kansan, have purchased stock in an enterprise of the Jaycees Shortline Railroad. Should Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Burnette, their owners, find their 'unfinancial' cats independent: imagine living with a couple or four tycoons demanding they be taken to the local bank to clip coupons. And Mr. Burnette will never be able to find the page with the stock quotations. Perhaps in time they will reverse the procedure of Midgie and his master. Midgie was willed a seven room house by Mr. Francis A. Putman, to make him the wealthiest cat in Omaha. He shares it with Mrs. Ritner who had been Mr. Putman's nurse. Midgie's inheritance, although supplying him with steaks, braunschweiger and a second story view, does have strings attached: he may never leave the house. We sort of hope that one fine balmy spring evening when a dainty little Persian goes purring by, Midgie will take one last leap on the throw rug, decide that you can't live on food alone, and slamming the door behind him-go howling like the tom he is.

I understand cats sometime do make decisions like that. In Pawnee Rock, Kansas a cat just stalked out of the house and disappeared. The owners finally gave up expecting him back after looking for him some six months. Last week he did come home, hale, hearty and fatter than ever. Just walked up on the porch, complained about the delay in door opening, and immediately resumed his place as master. Not a word of apology nor explanation. The story goes that the most embarrassing part of it all was the family had a hard time remembering the cat's name. Could it have been Ulysses? Or Ponce de Leon perhaps-for these French cats are remarkable ones. Poulette, a feline citizen of Toulon, France showed incredible motherlove after the birth of three kittens. Little Poulette-perhaps poisoned -made three painful trips before dying. Each time taking one of her little ones with her. The family's concern over the safety of the kittens ended thankfully when they were located with a neighboring cat who was raising a young litter of her own. Thaddeus Hauxhurst so perfectly qualified it with "What human words can half explain/the dedicated wisdom of a mother cat." Be it wisdom or

instinct that prompts a cat's behavior at times, it is still a wondrous thing.

The column-The Animal World in the Trenton, New Jersey, Times-Advertiser relates the story of an old gentleman whose world is now a vague one. Age and illness have robbed him of his memories. The cat in this tale was Tommy, an independent one-indifferent to people including the old gentleman. Then, when illness came, Tommy changed, at least to this fine old fellow. The cat who merely tolerated affection moved in with the elderly man. Most any time, day or night you can find him near his sick friend. And every once in a while he'll lie so the thin gentle hand can pet him. And the only name the tired voice mentions anymore is Tommy-the only recognition he has is for this comforting companion-Tommy.

Down Texas way, Fort Worth to be exact, the Burchill Baptist Church was concerned for a week or so about a church-going cat. Dennis broke a year's perfect attendance record-and that includes prayer meeting during the week as well as Sunday services. Dennis is a Siamese who evidently took Anna's words seriously. Even when his owner, Mrs. Noah, was unable to attend, Dennis went to church without her. His very Siamese-ish "Meowww" preluded many an "Amen," and most any member was apt to have a lap full of cat during the sermon. Then one day he vanished. Mrs. Noah could scarcely wait to get to church the following Sunday feeling certain that Dennis would be there. Dennis was not in the fold! A week of search and finally advertising brought Dennis back to Mrs. Noah . . . but he will still be absent from church for a while for during his sojourn, Dennis suffered a broken leg. Was it the reward of missionary work-suffered while trying to bring in some feline strayer from the straight and narrow, a martyr's mark? Or was it punishment for a back-sliding Siamese? He may have even just found another interest.

There is a verified case of a cat which walked several blocks every Monday evening to watch a group of ladies playing Bingo. He would be on the window ledge every Monday at exactly 7:45 and as soon as the game was over he went straight home. Dr. Gustav Eckstein of the University of Cincinnati came to the conclusion after observing this for several weeks that the cat just liked to watch the ladies doing that which they do at bingo. He couldn't have been figuring percentages-or could he? In closing-we'd like to add a few lines that may not be wholly Back Fence material. The Brockton Enterprise and Time recently printed a list of classic definitions given by kindergarten children. Among them were-"Buttons are to keep you warm"-"Mashed potatoes are to give everybody enough"-"A dream is to look at night and see things"-and the one we like best-"Cats are so you can have kittens." -J. L.

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